



COUNTY OF LIBERTY

EXHIBIT 12
DATE 1-31-07
HB 330

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Hon. Alan Olson, Chairman
Committee on Fed. Relations, Energy And Telecommunications
Montana Legislature
Helena, Montana

Re: HB 300 The CREB Proposal

Dear Rep. Olson and Members of the Committee:

We are writing to request the Committee approve HB 300 so it can be considered by the entire House and then by the Senate. HB 300 is a bill that would enable the counties and cities to take advantage of the Community Renewable Energy program sponsored by Senator Baucus. Liberty County is a county faced with a declining economy and there is little that can be done to reverse this trend. However, the development of our excellent wind resource is an area that we hope will provide some jobs and local income.

Liberty County has over the last three years made a substantial investment in monitoring the winds so as to determine if the county would be a suitable site for a "wind farm". The results to date are positive. It is for this reason that we very much desire to participate in the CREB program with the hope that it would provide the county needed income in the future, and would encourage other wind power development in the county.

The development of wind resources in Montana is a desirable goal. The development of wind energy will also encourage coal development in that if coal energy is to be sold out of state, it may be that a renewable energy component will be required. In fact, the amount of wind that can be developed is quite small so the CREB program will not cause problems for NWE.

We therefore request the members of the Committee approve HB 300 at the earliest possible date.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and

Very sincerely yours,

LIBERTY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

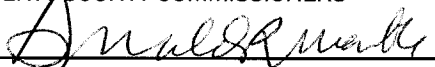


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HB 300 - it's
a typo &
should reference
330 per Alan
Olson.